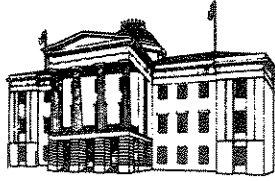


State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 142 PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Section 1. I have determined that a state of emergency, as defined in Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes, exists in Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties, due to a wildfire, which began on June 1, 2008, and which has threatened the health, safety, and protection of citizens and produced hazardous travel conditions.

Section 2. Pursuant to Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes, I, therefore, proclaim the existence of a state of emergency in Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties.

Section 3. I hereby order all state and local government entities and agencies to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of this proclamation and the provisions of the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 4. I hereby delegate to Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, and/or his designee, all power and authority granted to me and required of me by Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes for the purpose of implementing the said Emergency Operations Plan and to take such further action as is necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the populace in the declared counties.

Section 5. Further, Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, as chief coordinating officer for the State of North Carolina, shall exercise the powers prescribed in N.C.G.S. § 143B-476.

Section 6. I hereby order this proclamation: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) unless the circumstances of the state of emergency prevent or impede, to be promptly filed with the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, the Secretary of State, and the clerks of superior court in the counties to which it applies; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to assure proper implementation of this proclamation.